

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

APRIL 8, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Billy E. Traylor, Vice Chairman Nathan Peters, Jr. and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Jerry W. Barnes, and Bill Williams.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Deputy Clerk Kayla Duke, Grant Writer Towan Kopinsky, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, G.I.S. Director Scott Warner, Planner David Richardson, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, Sheriff's Office Captain Ricky Tolbert, and Chamber of Commerce Director Sandra Chafin.

Chairman Billy E. Traylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Planner David Richardson opened the meeting with prayer and Commissioner Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. Minutes - March 25, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- April 1, 2008 - Special Meeting
2. Budget Amendment #1 General Fund (Mosquito Control * \$5,500.00 * Sprayer * \$5,500.00), as follows:

Amend the FY2007-2008 Mosquito Control Budget as approved by the BOCC April 1, 2008

Budget Amendment
#1
General Fund

Original

Amended

	Budget	Increase	Decrease	Budget
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Mosquito Control Department:

42262-64001 Equipment>\$5000	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500.00
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42262-52200 Insect. & Chem.	\$ 68,350.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 62,850.00
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(end of Budget Amendment)

3. Contract - Florida Department of Revenue (C.S.E. Service of Process * 2008-2011)

4. Grant Modification - State Homeland Security Grant (Extension of Contract period to June 30, 2008)

Grant Reimbursement - Overstreet Water System C.D.B.G. (11,974.00 * #06DB-89-02-33-01-N35)

5. Invoice - Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. - Americus Avenue Ditch Pipe
 (#13819235 * \$819.26 / #13816568 * \$1,976.89 * to
 be paid from Account #41141-63000)

- Bailey Bishop & Lane, Inc. Overstreet Water System C.D.B.G.
 (#13046 * \$4,874.73 * to be paid from Account #27550-31000)

- Bay Medical Center - H.C.R.A. (#0800900660 * \$1,130.43 /
 #0905900093 * \$120.40 / #0733700813 * \$3,391.29 /
 #0803800287 * \$240.80 * to be paid from Account
 #51462-31500)

- County Attorney Timothy McFarland (March, 2008 * \$9,442.00 *
 to be paid from Account #21314-31100)

- MRD Associates St. Joseph Peninsula - Construction Services
 (#1060 * \$22,953.39)

- Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell - General Employment Matters
 (#G214-107990 * #723215 * \$3,767.19 * to be paid
 from Account #21111-31200)

- Wallace Pump & Supply Gulf Aire Road (#819056 * \$2,134.60 *
 to be paid from Account #41441-53000)

- Windolf Construction - Gulf County Welcome Center (Bid #0607-16 * #7 * \$42,848.94 * to be paid from Account #27452-81001)

6. Refund -Sil's Home Center, Inc. Building Department Impact Fees (\$375.18 Account #13163-27000/ \$68.02 Account #13363-22000)

- Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. Planning Department Subdivision Application Fee (\$1,100.00 Account #00129-30000)

7. S.H.I.P. - Purchase Assistance Gwendolyn Banks * \$17,000.00 / Dana McNair * \$17,000.00 / Nicole Paul & Henry Bell * \$17,000.00)

(End of Consent Agenda)

INVOICE MLD ARCHITECTS #3733

Upon recommendation by Grant Writer, Towan Kopinsky, Commissioner Peters motioned to pay MLD Architects invoice #3733, in the amount of \$8,394.00 for work completed on the Cape San Blas Lighthouse Renovation Project (to be paid from Historic Restoration Grant funds). Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION MLD ARCHITECTS AWARD BID #0708-19

Grant Writer, Kopinsky discussed recommendation by MLD Architects to award bid #0708-19 to Restocon Corp. for restoration of the Cape San Blas Lighthouse contingent upon negotiation of the scope of work because the bid exceeds the \$290,000.00 of grant funds. Commissioner Peters motioned to award the bid and allow Restocon Corp. to negotiate the scope of work. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUNDS GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Grant Writer, Kopinsky discussed a grant opportunity for the Florida Boating Improvement Funds, stating that the application period is now open for this grant. Kopinsky requested that the Board review the information and they could discuss it at the next meeting. Commissioner Williams discussed using the grant for the White City Dock.

SCOP GRANT

Grant Writer, Kopinsky discussed applications for SCOP grant which requests that all eligible counties choose five roads. Kopinsky requested that the Board come up with five road projects to apply for under the SCOP Grant to be discussed again at the next regular

Board meeting.

POLICIES

Grant Writer Kopinsky discussed modifications to several policies. The 504 Plan, Self Evaluation, and Transition Plan have not been restructured since 1993&1998 and will be updated for the benefit of Overstreet Water System CDBG, should the Board choose to adopt the new plans. Commissioner Williams motioned for the Board to adopt these plans and upon discussion, Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AMERICUS AVENUE DITCH/ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier presented a pay request from Bailey&Sons for the Americus Avenue Ditch Project to be paid from Road Bond Funds in the amount of \$27,652.26. After confirmation of Engineer approval, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the payment. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IMPACT FEES

Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier discussed invoices and expenditures for impact fee proceeds that they have been receiving. Lanier and Mr. Butler made a recommendation to the Board to discuss the possibility of establishing an Impact Fee Committee for approval of these funds. Lanier explained that an Impact Fee Committee would be beneficial to prevent funds from being spent inappropriately. Commissioner Williams moved to establish this committee. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Planner Richardson advised the Board that if funds are spent inappropriately, they will have to be refunded. Upon Butler's recommendation, the Board agreed to appoint one representative from each district.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Solid Waste Director Joe Danford discussed polling Union employees for interest in applying for the temporary mosquito sprayer positions and confirmed the Board's ability to pay overtime. Danford stated that he will meet with Clerk Finance Officer, Carla Hand to properly document and budget for that. County Attorney, Timothy McFarland stated the need for a Memorandum of Understanding with the bargaining unit. Joe Danford discussed the possibility of the Parks Committee being responsible for the distribution of insect repellent. Danford discussed the program that is to air on Channel 44 on April 15th concerning Mosquito Control.

LANDFILL

Solid Waste Director Joe Danford discussed that the Landfill regulations have changed and as a result the Solid Waste Department is being forced to haul their trash to Bay County and pay tipping fees. Danford discussed the problem of this budget running low.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT

T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett discussed several amendments to the Agreement for Beach Renourishment Project, including an agreement with the Fish & Wildlife Agency concerning sea turtles. Pickett discussed that there will be several amendments to the agreement throughout the life of the project as they increase their public access to the "build-out" of Dune Drive, Rish Park and the Troy Dill property. Pickett presented to the Board the first supplement which showed a match of 41.38%, clarifying for the record so that building can begin. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Planner David Richardson discussed that the fire department is having pump testing done as well as maintenance on their trucks and might exceed the \$2,500.00 bid limit. Richardson requested permission from the Board to continue testing, under the Sole Source Supplier exemption. Commissioner Williams motioned to approve. Commissioner Peters seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Commissioner Williams brought to the attention of the Board that the Mosquito Control Department underwent a State audit this day and had no violations.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Richard Payne, of Waste Management, Panama City District, appeared before the Board to discuss waste management plans. He proposed that the County make garbage collection mandatory and do the billing through a MSBU so that there could be a reduction of the cost. Payne proposed that the cost would be \$21.00 per month. After discussion, the Board announced that they would review this plan and make a decision at a later date.

SEVEN MILE LLC

County Attorney Timothy McFarland presented a request from the developer of Seven Mile LLC to withdraw the plat that was proposed, and for the County to close their files. Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve this request, and Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. The motion then passed 4-0, with Commissioner Williams abstaining due to having ownership in the property.

GULF BEACHES SEWER

Chief Administrator, Don Butler discussed the Gulf Beaches Sewer Grant and requested the Board's permission to allow a scope change which in turn reimburses the City of Port St. Joe in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. Commissioner Williams motioned to allow the scope change. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed

unanimously.

INMATES

Chief Administrator, Butler discussed several incidents in which transportation for inmates from GCI to the Gulf County Jail has been inadequate. Butler discussed one particular incident in which an inmate was brought to the Sheriff's Office in transition from New Jersey and stayed for several months at the cost of the Sheriff's Department. Butler discussed the possibility of setting a price per day for each prisoner that they house. Upon Butler's recommendation, Commissioner Peters motioned to charge \$75.00 per day. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DEP PERMIT/ DRAINAGE-C.R. 30A

Chief Administrator, Butler discussed the flooding problem on County Road 30A, stating that the County fixed the problem by installing pipes in the road but DEP did not approve. The Engineer is giving the County three options:

1. To remove the pipes
2. Leave the pipes in place and pay whatever fines DEP charges.
3. Begin the process of putting together a permit for the pipes.

Butler presented a letter from the Engineers that stated the cost would not exceed \$11,000.00. Butler discussed that the Board must come to a decision within thirty days. Chairman Traylor discussed the need to get a permit so as to protect the people that live in that area. Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, the Board recommended that Butler proceed in efforts to obtain a permit for the pipes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CCCL AND EROSION LINE

Chief Administrator, Butler discussed a request he received from William Harrison who has done lobbying work for the County in Tallahassee concerning the CCCL and erosion line. The request he received is a form to be signed by the Board that officially makes William Harrison their Lobbyist. This is a non-paying position. Chairman Traylor discussed that Harrison has done a significant amount of work for the County at no cost. Commissioner Barnes motioned to sign the form making William Harrison their Lobbyist. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE STORM SHELTER

Chairman Traylor brought to the attention of the Board a slanderous email that had been sent out regarding the Honeyville Storm Shelter. Chairman Traylor called for Emergency Management Director, Marshall Nelson to approach the Board. Chairman Traylor read the email which stated that the Honeyville Shelter is not FEMA approved and therefore not a secure storm shelter. Chairman Traylor stated that this was a horrible lie to be circulating.

Nelson stated that FEMA does not approve State storm shelters; this is the responsibility of the Red Cross. Red Cross approved the shelter as it adheres to state guidelines. The Board discussed that the email sent out was erroneous; stating that the Honeyville Shelter is Red Cross approved and more than adequate.

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER SYSTEM/ROYAL AMERICAN

Commissioner Williams reported that the City of Port St. Joe has engaged with Royal American to perform the work on the Highland View Sewer System. Commissioner Williams motioned to proceed and release the funds, contingent upon County Attorney McFarland's review and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding and scope of work as amended by DEP. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ST. JOE SHORES HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Commissioner Williams discussed the possibility of watershed issues arising at St. Joe Shores with the Engineer regarding unplatted roads that have been there since the 1930's. Commissioner Williams discussed the possibility of the infrastructure being modified or removed to bring up to code.

SMALL COUNTY COALITION/FAC/TABOR BILL

Commissioner Williams requested the Board's permission to travel to Tallahassee in opposition to the TABOR Bill. Commissioner Barnes motioned to allow Commissioner William's travel request, and with Commissioner Peters second, it passed unanimously.

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER SYSTEM

Commissioner Williams discussed publishing the deadline for hook-up to the Highland View Sewer System, once the revised date is determined by DEP.

BEACHES SEWER SYSTEM

Commissioner Williams reported on the three Town Hall meetings held in White City and stated that plans were being made to hold Town Hall meetings in the St. Joe Beaches area around mid-month. Commissioner Williams commended the Engineers and the City of Port St. Joe for their efforts toward improved public awareness.

WHITE CITY BOAT RAMP/ BULKHEAD

Commissioner Williams gave a report on the perilous condition of the White City Boat Ramp/Bulkhead. He further stated that he will approach the Corp of Engineers and the Florida Wildlife Commission concerning the matter.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Peters discussed a letter received from State Representative Jimmy

Patronis concerning a Louisiana based company that might be interested in coming to Gulf County. Mr. Butler stated that he had met with Representative Patronis on several occasions and they are currently trying to determine what their next step should be. Commissioner Peters stated that all parties should work together in this process and requested that the EDC and the Port Authority be included in the next meeting.

INMATE WORKCREWS/STATE BUDGET CUTS /DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peters discussed possible state budget cuts to the Department of Corrections which may eliminate, or cost shift to the County, Inmate WorkCrew Supervisor positions. Peters stated this would be detrimental to Gulf County and the Board needed to take whatever action necessary to maintain this service. Chairman Traylor discussed that, according to the Warden, the DOC may have to cut 1,200 positions due to State budget cuts. Chairman Traylor expressed that the Inmate WorkCrews are a vital part of Gulf County's workforce. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barnes and unanimous vote, the Board authorized the Chairman to write a letter to the State Representative, Jimmy Patronis and the House Representative, Al Lawson opposing any cuts from the Department of Corrections.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Commissioner Peters discussed the previous meeting regarding mosquito control and the problems with mosquitoes. Commissioner Peters stated that he would support mosquito control and had no intentions of cutting the budget.

INMATES WORKCREWS

Chairman Traylor requested that Franklin County Commissioner, Smoky Paul come to the podium. Chairman Traylor and Franklin County Commissioner Smoky Paul discussed how vital inmates are to our communities. Chairman Traylor discussed engaging with Franklin County to address this issue. Commissioner Williams suggested sending letters to Franklin, Bay, and Calhoun County, in an effort to join together and oppose the possible loss of their inmate workforce.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS

Commissioner Barnes discussed the Economic Stimulus Payments and stated that he had information on it if anyone was interested.

RE-ELECTION

Commissioner Barnes stated that he would not be seeking re-election this next term. Chairman Traylor and the Board thanked Commissioner Barnes for all the work he has done to serve the Board and the County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Chairman Traylor thanked County Attorney Tim McFarland for all the work he's done for the County.

BID#0708-16 AUDIO/VIDEO/CONFERENCING SYSTEM/DANIEL'S COMMUNICATION

Emergency Management Director, Marshall Nelson recommended that the Board award Bid#0708-16 to Daniel's Communication in the amount of \$91,168.00 for audio visual equipment and a video conferencing system. Commissioner Peters so moved. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MEDICAID BUDGET

Health Department Administrator, Doug Kent appeared before the Board and stated that he had visited our Senator and House Representative in regards to a \$200,000.00 cut in the Medicaid Department. Mr. Kent discussed the gravity of the effects of this cut and requested that the Board oppose the cut and write a letter to the House and the Senate. After discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to send a letter opposing the cut. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE

Raymond Burrows, of Highland View, appeared before the Board to inquire of Commissioner Williams about a recent Interagency Taskforce Meeting in which Representative Jimmy Patronis had attended. Commissioner Williams explained the purpose of the Task Force, CBIR'S, and setting legislative priorities.

HIGHLAND VIEW SEWER SYSTEM

Highland View resident Raymond Burrows inquired about earning interest on his \$500.00 hook up fee to the Highland View Sewer System. Commissioner Williams replied there would be no interest paid by the City of Port St. Joe. Upon motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board extended Mr. Burrows time by three minutes. Burrows continued by expressing concerns that the City had not complied with the contract in providing breaker boxes and pumps. Commissioner Williams stated that this was a City matter and the County had done all they could do. Chairman Traylor extended Mr. Burrows time one more minute. Burrows voiced concerns about having time limits to speak and expressed disappointment with the overall Highland View Sewer Project.

STATE HOUSING INITIATIVE PROGRAM (S.H.I.P.)

Amy Rogers, President of Gulf County United Development Corporation, appeared before the Board to discuss restoring the S.H.I.P. Program and requested the opportunity for her organization to work with the County or a non-profit organization. Upon motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote the Board extended Ms. Rogers speaking time. Ms. Rogers further discussed the experience and purpose of her organization and stated that she would submit a proposal to Mr. Butler for the Board's consideration. Chairman Traylor stated that the Board would take her request

into consideration.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Marjorie Stitt, of White City, appeared before the Board to thank Road Superintendent, Bobby Knee and the Road Department employees, Larry Baker and Charles Tony, for the work they had done on ditches around her home. She also thanked Mr. Danford for investigating the possible causes of dead birds in White City.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:23 p.m., E.T.

**BILLY E. TRAYLOR
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**